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Dramateers Plan Chapel Hill Plays

Mars Hill College Dramateers will present "The Far-Away Princess" by Hermann Sudermann as its entry in the Western District Drama Festival to be held in the Lee Edwards auditorium in Asheville on April 1. Should the play receive a first class rating in Asheville, it will be presented at the Spring Drama Festival at Chapel Hill in mid-April.

The cast includes Shirley Riggan as Frau Lindermann; Joyce Cherry as Rosa; Joann Denton as Frau Von Holldorf; Faye Pierce as Liddy; Dale Johnson as Milly; Mousse Simpson as Baroness Von Brook; Sandra Hickman as Princess Von Geldern; Larry Tucker as Herr Strubel; and Gayle Brown as the Lackey.

"The Black and the Blacker," original play by Leon Rooke, was chosen to be presented at the Spring Festival. Appearing in the play will be Sam, the father, played by Lloyd Jackson; the sons: Johnny Mac, Al Bobbit and Bo, Tom Hendrick; Percy, Grady Harmon; the grandfather, Eddie Wilson; Mr. Lewis, Bob High; the sheriff, Bill Archer; and singer, Earl Kirkland. Other characters have not been selected.

North Carolina Little Symphony To Present Concert Tonight

The North Carolina Little Symphony, under the direction of Benjamin Swalin, will present a concert in the College Auditorium here Saturday, March 12, at 8:30 p.m.

This will be the Symphony's ninth concert in Mars Hill during its 10 years as a touring orchestra.

Under auspices of the Mars Hill College Concert Series, the program is open to the general public.

Soloist for the performance is Dixon Thomas, pianist, Statesville. A symphony auditions winner many times over in the Children's Concert Division, Thomas is making his appearance this season for the first time as an adult soloist.

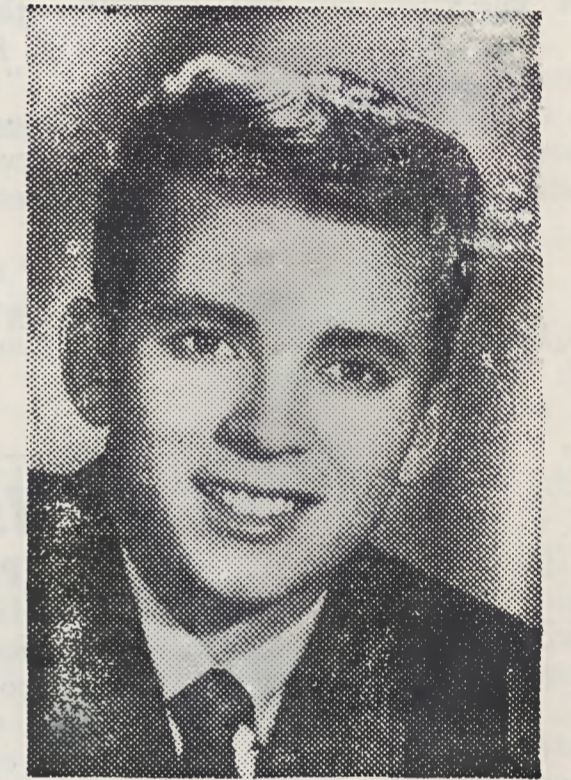
He is currently working toward his Bachelor of Music degree at

MH College Choir Plans Annual Tour

On April 24, the Touring Choir will leave for its annual spring tour. Some of the places that the choir will visit this year are Columbia, South Carolina, Dublin and Atlanta, Georgia, Jacksonville, Lakeland, and Lake City, Florida.

The Marshall Baptist Church will be host to the choir on March 13. On March 15, the choir will sing at the State Women's Missionary Union in Asheville. The choir will be at the First Baptist Church in Canton on April 17.

The choir sang at the Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church in Burlington last weekend. The State Evangelism meeting which recently met in Greensboro and the State Baptist Convention which met in Charlotte had special music by the Mars Hill Choir under the direction of William Whitesides.



Dixon Thomas

Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., where he is studying with John Carter.

Thomas will play Liszt's Concerto No. 1, in E Major.

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Whitesides Gives Concert At UNC

William P. Whitesides, tenor, of the Mars Hill College music department was presented in the opening concert of a series of six Petites Musicales, which are being given in Graham Memorial at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

For his program Whitesides chose two Elizabethan love songs, a set of six German lieder, a cycle by Ravel, and five songs arranged by the American composer Aaron Copland.

The concert was enthusiastically received. We quote parts of the Chapel Hill reviewer's comments. "Mr. Whitesides presented a varied and well-chosen program of songs in four languages . . . He displayed a voice of beautiful quality which is evenly developed throughout most of its range, and his performance was characterized by individuality of style and interpretation together with excellent diction."

At Mars Hill in addition to teaching students of voice, Mr. Whitesides directs the College Chorus. He sings in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, and will again direct the chorus of "Horn in the West," an outdoor drama to be presented in Boone for the third consecutive summer.

Mars Hill Squad Places In Meet

Mars Hill's debate squad tied for third place in the South Atlantic Tournament held at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, March 3-5.

Speaking on the affirmative of the national query were Charles Jenkins and Norman Hupp. Don Kroe and Steve Blackwell upheld the negative. The team competing exclusively with senior colleges and universities won nine of fourteen debates.

Among the thirty colleges and universities participating were such institutions as Duke University, University of South Carolina, Georgetown University and Lenoir-Rhyne College.

First place went to the University of South Carolina, whose team won 12 out of 14 contests. Lenoir-Rhyne's team placed second.

Of the Mars Hill debaters Blackwell, Hupp, and Kroe are C-I's. Jenkins though a C-II did not debate last year. The Mars Hill squad attended the tournament by special invitation. Officially it is limited to senior colleges.

State Workshop To Meet At MHC

Mars Hill College Home Economics club is to be hostess to the State Workshop of the American Home Economics Association, April 15 and 16.

Delegates from sixteen North Carolina colleges and universities will register in Huffman dormitory at 4:30 on Friday evening for the two day meet. "Careers for Better Living" is the theme to be used during the entire program. The speakers will discuss foods and nutrition, homemaking, fashions, and journalism.

Mrs. Morrison from Asheville will be the principal speaker Friday night. Eleanor Sutherland is scheduled to give a report on the American Home Economics Association convention held in Los Angeles, California. Other speakers include Mrs. Elizabeth Hedgecock Sparks, home economics editor.

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Art Department Features Exhibit

The Art Department is showing, during the month of March, twenty watercolor and casein paintings by Dorothy Cogswell, a member of the art faculty, Mount Holyoke College.

Miss Cogswell has traveled abroad in Scotland, Ireland, Norway, and Mexico, and her paintings are largely based upon subject matter derived from these trips.

The exhibition, which is sponsored by Studio Guild, Redding, Connecticut, may be seen in the art room Moore 31.

Literary Societies Choose Spring Term Officers

Campus literary societies elected officers for Commencement on March 3 and 4. The presidents for Clio and Non are Mousse Simpson and Winifred Moore, while their brother societies, Phi and Elected Joe Matheny and Bob Hensley as their leaders.

Clio officers are Laselle Light, vice-president; Betsy Wood, secretary; Dale Johnson, censor; Ann Wilkins, chaplain; Mary Long, treasurer; and Dottie Phillips, pianist.

Nonpareil officers are Foy Lennon, first vice-president; April Flowers, second vice-president; Ellen Barlowe, secretary; Pat Campbell, censor; Doris Phillips, chaplain; Sara Dozier, chorister; and Doris Gibson, pianist. Chief hostess is Mary Jane Northen.

Mousse has served as vice-president and secretary for Clio, and also as secretary of the C-I class. She is on the B. S. U. Council. She hails from Charlotte.

Winifred was Nonpareil Literary vice-president during Anniversary term. She has also served as censor. She is president of the Girl's Student Council and of Huffman Dormitory. She came to Mars Hill from Lenoir.

Serving with Bob in Euthalia are Glynn Bolch, vice-president; Gerald Leonard, censor; Kim Cole, secretary; Lester Trenham, chaplain; and Earl Kirkland, chorister.

Philomathian officers include Tommy Pearce, vice-president; Bill Geiger, secretary; Jack Montgomery, censor; Paul Caudill, chaplain; Gene Ellis, chorister; and Khun Kung, chief marshal.

Bob is a member of the college Touring Choir. He is a ministerial student from Asheville.

Joe served as vice-president of Philomathia for two terms and also as secretary. He came to Mars Hill from Nashville, Tennessee.

Dean R. M. Lee Is Honored

Dean R. M. Lee was chosen a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Junior Colleges at the recent meeting in Chicago which he attended. The 1956 meeting will be in Salt Lake City.

Recitals Given By Music Majors

Jo Cundiff, organist; James Baritone; and Sandra Pulver, pianist, were featured in the recital presented in the Mars Hill College Auditorium, Thursday evening, March 10.

Cundiff played "Chaconne" in G Minor by Couperin; "Menuet a la Gigue" in G Major by Bach; and "Divertissement" by Debussy. She also gave two numbers by Purvis, "Communion" and "Toccata Festiva."

Among the numbers Mr. Beane played were "Recitative" and "Adagio" from the St. Matthew Passion by Bach; "Verborghen" by Wolf; and "Le Manoir de Rosemonde" by Duparc, and numbers by Vaughan Williams, "The Roadside Fire" and "Johnny."

Miss Pullen played "Rhapsody" in G Minor, Op. 79, No. 2, by Liszt; "Prelude" in C sharp minor, Op. 45, by Chopin; and "The Cat and the Mouse" by Schumann.

Robert Hopkins of the Mars Hill Music Department was accompanist for the concert.

Iris Jo, an organ major, is from Salem, Va. She is very prominent in campus activities and is also president of the Orpheon club.

Jimmy, a voice major, is from Asheville. He is a member of the touring choir and chorister for the Baptist Student Union.

Sandra, a piano major, is from Asheville, Tennessee. She represented Mrs. Edward MacDowell in the joint Scriblerus-Orpheon club program given recently.